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1. SUMMARY: THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AUG 25 SPEEDED ITS WORK AND FINALLY APPROVED THE FINAL FOUR ARTICLES OF ITS INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER. THE MAJORITY OF THE ASSEMBLY'S WORK WILL NOW BE CARRIED OUT IN CLOSED COMMITTEE MEETINGS. PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ REAFFIRMED THE COMMITMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER ONE MONTH OF DEBATE, TH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ON AUG 25 APPROVED THE FINAL 4 ARTICLES OF ITS INTERNAL RULES OF ORDER. THESE ARTICLES, WHICH INCLUDED ARTICLE 3, WERE APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE IN THE MAJORITY FORMULATION. THE SESSION, WHICH TERMINATED AT THE RELATIVELY EARLY HOUR OF 10:30 PM, WAS MARKED BY HAYA DE LA TORRE'S INSISTENCE THAT THE ASSEMBLY MOVE ON AND APPROVE THE FINAL ARTICLES OF THE RULES OF ORDER. THE COMPLETION OF THE RULES OF ORDER CAME AFTER A WEEK OF INCREASING CRITICISM IN THE PRESS
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OF THE LEFT'S DISRUPTIVE TACTICS AND THE SLOW PACE OF THE ASSEMBLY'S LABORS. THE LEFT APPARENTLY HAD ADVANCE NOTIFICATION THAT THE MAJORITY WOULD FORCE THE APPROVAL OF REMAINING ARTICLES, AS 8 MEMBERS OF THE LEFTIST BANK WERE ABSENT AT THE FRIDAY SESSION WITH SEVERAL TOURING AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE AGITATING IN LABOR RANKS.

3. THE MAJORITY OF THE ASSEMBLY'S WORK WILL NOW BE CARRIED OUT IN CLOSED COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THE POLITICAL PARTIES OR FRONTS HAVE UNTIL AUG 31 TO SUBMIT LISTS TO HAYA OF WHICH COMMITTEES THEIR MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO JOIN. IF A COMMITTEE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED, HAYA WILL BE ABLE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH POLITICAL GROUP.

4. COMMENT: HAYA'S ABILITY TO CONTROL THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEES WILL ENABLE HIM TO PREVENT LEFTIST DOMINATION OF KEY COMMITTEES. ALTHOUGH HAYA HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE VERY SENSITIVE TO MINORITY RIGHTS, HE HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF KEEPING THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY GOING. IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE TAKEOVER OF THE IMPORTANT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES BY THE LEFTISTS. THE USE OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES AS A PLATFORM FOR ATTACKING THE ARMED FORCES COULD ENDANGER THE DELICATE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION (REFTEL B).
END COMMENT.

5. ON AUG 27 PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ REAFFIRMED THE COMMITMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN A SPEECH DURING TACNA'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ITS RETURN TO PERU FROM CHILE. HE STATED THAT THE ELECTION OF A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT HAD THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOP BUT THAT NO ONE SHOULD CONFUSE THIS COMMITMENT WITH WEAKNESS. REITERATING HIS CRITICISM OF EXTREMISTS WHO ARE TRYING TO DERAIL THE TRANSFER PROCESS, HE ASSERTED THAT THE JUNE ELECTION SHOWED THAT THE MAJORITY OF PERUVIANS WANT DEMOCRATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RULE. MORALES ALSO REAFFIRMED PRIME MINISTER MOLINA'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE ELECTORAL TIMETABLE COULD BE ACCELERATED IF THE ASSEMBLY FINISHES ITS WORK PROMPTLY.

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